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SUBJ: GOP WHEAT IMPORT PLANS

REF: ISLAMABAD 7548

1. ON AUGUST 21, MOHAMMAD MOHSIN, NEW JOINT SECRETARY, FOOD WING, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (REPLACING MOHAMMAD AYUB) TOLD USAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF 1.5 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT IN THE PERIOD AUGUST 1978 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1979. ACCORDING TO MOHSIN CASH PURCHASES WILL BE MADE FOR THAT PORTION NOT OBTAINED UNDER CCC OR OTHER TERMS. THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SCHEDULE THE 1.5 MILLION TONS AS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST, 1978	150,000 MT
SEPTEMBER	250,000 MT
OCTOBER	250,000 MT
NOVEMBER	250,000 MT
DECEMBER	250,000 MT
JANUARY, 1979	250,000 MT

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FEBRUARY 100,000 MT
1,500,000 MT

2. IN ADDITION TO THE 1.5 MILLION MT REFERRED TO ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN OFFERED 48,000 TONS UNDER FAC (EEC, 30,000; FRANCE 8,000; GERMANY 5,000; AND ITALY 5,000 MT). NEGOTIATIONS ALSO ARE UNDER WAY FOR PURCHASE OF AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT FROM

TURKEY AND SHIPMENT UNDER SHORT TERM CREDIT FROM AUSTRALIA.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSIBLE PL 480 ALLOCATION, MOHSIN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO OBTAIN PL 480 WHEAT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 1.5 MILLION TONS APPROVED FOR FINANCING AND 2.3 MILLION TONS PROJECTED IMPORT REQUIREMENT IN THE "MEMORANDUM ON WHEAT AID REQUIREMENTS FOR 1978-79.

4. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, AFTER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GOP COMMITMENTS IN TITLE III PAPER, JOINT SECRETARY STATED THERE WOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT IN FULFILLING THE PROPOSED COMMITMENTS.

5. THE GOP IS APPARENTLY DOING SOME REALISTIC CONTINGENCY PLANNING NOW THAT THE DONOR COMMUNITY HAS NOT IMMEDIATELY COME FORTH WITH THE LARGE AMOUNT OF WHEAT PAKISTAN REQUESTED. IF THE DONOR COMMUNITY SHOULD COME FORTH WITH ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF WHEAT BEYOND THOSE ASSUMED IN PARA 3 IN A TIMELY MANNER, PRESUMABLY THESE NUMBERS WOULD BE REVISED.

DECONTROL DECEMBER 31, 1978.
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